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From: Washburn, Ben
Sent: Tue 9/9/2014 8:33:30 PM
Subject: RE: smoldering fire expanding?

Curtis,

I will send your response to Lynn, SUPR, and Karl for review.

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From: Carey, Curtis
Sent: Tuesday, September 09, 2014 3:13 PM
To: Peterson, Mary; Washburn, Ben
Subject: RE: smoldering fire expanding?

How about this? These are based on Karl's responses to questions yesterday.

Will need to get this reviewed by Lynn, superfund and Karl.

The EPA's ORD at present says we don't have conclusive evidence that the SSE is behaving as suggested in the latest information from MDNR. What's important to underscore is that the public remains protected from the radioactive waste at the West Lake Landfill adjacent to the Bridgeton SSE. This agency continues to exercise its authorities to ensure the protection of public health and safety.

From: Peterson, Mary
Sent: Tuesday, September 09, 2014 2:36 PM
To: Washburn, Ben
Cc: Carey, Curtis
Subject: Re: smoldering fire expanding?

I would add that the Thalhammer report suggests additional data be gathered, and MDNR has approved Republics plan to collect the data. In addition, the responsible parties for the west lake site are preparing more detailed plans for isolation barrier alternatives and bird mitigation.

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 9, 2014, at 1:46 PM, "Washburn, Ben" <washburn.ben@epa.gov> wrote:

I suggest this reply, based on the FAQ:

Analyses of the smoldering event by the responsible parties and MDNR's experts sometimes provide different perspectives of its movement and location. Because different barrier alignment alternatives will take different durations to design and install, those durations become a consideration in selecting an alignment because of the smoldering event and the uncertainty in its movement.

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From: Jeremy Dillon [<mailto:dillon@exchangemonitor.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, September 09, 2014 1:40 PM
To: Washburn, Ben
Subject: smoldering fire expanding?

Hello Ben,

I saw reports that the smoldering fire at West Lake may be moving closer to the contamination portion, according to a report by Todd Thalhamer. Especially in light of the report by the USACE last week about construction being 18 months away, did the EPA want to comment at all on this revelation?

I am working on a deadline of 5pm Wednesday.

Thanks,

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